It reſembles the *Ornus* or *Quicken Tree*; only the *Ornus* bears the *Flowers* and *Fruit* at the *end*, This, on the ſides of the Branch. Next the Sun, the Fruit hath a dark-red bluſh: and is about the bigneſs of a ſmall *Juneting Pear*. In *September*, ſo *rough*, as to be ready to ſtraugle one. But being then gather'd, and kept till *October*, they eat as well as any *Medlar*. *Thus far the Letter.*

*Q.* Whether a Verjuyce made of this Fruit, either ground with Crabs, or Grapes, or if plentiful, alone, would not, being kept for ſome time, prove one of the beſt acid-aſtringent Sawces, that Nature affords.

*A Relation of a Child which remained Twenty ſix years in the Mothers Belly. Taken out of the* Journal des Scavans; *being the Extract of a Letter written from* Toulouſe 22. June *to the Author of that* Journal, *by Monſieur* Bayle, *M.D.*

THe ſaid Author premiſes, that there having been many different Reports of this matter: Monſieur *Bayle* took the pains to give an exact account, as well of the Infant, as of what accidents befell the Mother during her being big with It. Taking alſo the Figure of the Infant, as it was ſeen of the whole Town.

*Margaret Mathew*, Wife of *John Puget*, Shearman, being with Child 1652. perceived about the end of the ninth Month of her bearing, ſuch pains as Women uſually have, when about to fall in Labour. Her Waters alſo brake: but no Child follow'd. For the ſpace of Twenty years, ſhe perceived this Child to ſtir: with many troubleſom Symptoms accompanying. Which made her from time to time, to deſire the Chirurgeon to open her Belly, and take out this grievous burthen. But for the ſix laſt years, ſhe perceived not the Child to move. Being lately fall'n ſick, ſhe requeſted the Chirurgion to open her when ſhe was dead. She died 18. *June* this year 1678. She was opened the next day, and a dead Child was found in her Belly, out of the Womb, no way joyned or faſtened to it. The Head downward; the Buttocks hanging toward the left ſide; The Arms and Legs in the poſture the Figure repreſents.

All the back part of this Child was covered with the *Omentum*; which was about two fingers thick, and ſtuck hard to divers parts of the Body of it, not to be ſeparated without a Knife; which being done, very little blood iſſued. This Infant weighed Eight pounds Haverdupoyſe. The Skull was broken into ſeveral pieces. The Brain of the colour and conſiſtence of Oyntment of *Roſes*. The Fleſh red, where the *Omentum* ſtuck, other parts whitiſh, yellowiſh, and ſomewhat livid; except the Tongue, which had the natural ſoftneſs aud colour. All the inward Parts were diſcolour'd with a blackiſhneſs, except the Heart, which was red; and without any iſſuing blood.

The Forehead, Ears, Eyes and Noſe, were cover'd with a Callous ſubſtance, as thick as the breadth of a finger: which being taken away, the parts appeared, as in the Figure.

The Gums being cut, the Teeth appeared in the adultneſs of thoſe in grown perſons. The Body had no bad ſmell, though kept three days out of the Mothers Belly. The length of the Body from the Buttocks to the top of the Head, about 11 Inches. The Mother died about the Sixty fourth year of her Age.

## An Account of ſome Books.

I. Johannis Walliſii, *S. T. D. in Celeberr. Academia* Oxonienſi *Geometriæ Profeſſoris* Saviliani, *Exercitationes Tres*: 1. *De Cometarum Diſtantiis inveſtigandis.* 2. *De Rationum & Fractionum Reductione.* 3. *De Periodo Juliana.* Londini, 1678.

CONcerning the firſt, the Learned Author acquaints us, in the beginning thereof, That about fifteen or ſixteen years ſince, it was propoſed to himſelf by that excellent Mathematician Sir *Chriſtopher Wren*, as a thing of uſe, *ſc.* To find out the Diſtances of Comets from the Earth: and ſince then, hath been by him, * otherwiſe than is here, performed. To whom our Author then returned an Anſwer, *ſc.* This ſame, which upon our Worthy Countrey-man Mr. *John Collins* his requeſt, he hath here publiſhed.

*See Mr. *Hooks* Book, entituled, *Lectures* and *Collections*; or the Account of it hereafter given in theſe Tranſactions.

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